

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF YORK
YORKTOWN, VIRGINIA

Resolution

At a regular meeting of the York County Board of Supervisors held in the Board Room, York Hall, Yorktown, Virginia, on the ____ day of ____, 2005:

Present

Vote

James S. Burgett, Chairman
Walter C. Zaremba, Vice Chairman
Sheila S. Noll
Kenneth L. Bowman
Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.

On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE IESHIA SMITH ON HER SELECTION AS THE 2005 YORK COUNTY OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR COURAGE

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Ieshia Smith was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2005 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Courage; and

WHEREAS, Ieshia Smith exemplifies the meaning of the word courage, persevering through obstacles that have enabled her to succeed as a person and student; and

WHEREAS, Ieshia never knew her father who died before she was born, and grew up with her mother and older brother in inner city Baltimore until the age of seven, when, because of difficulties her mother was experiencing, left to be raised in the home of her cousin here in York County; and

WHEREAS, from the outset, young Ieshia was naturally accepted as a part of the family in her cousin's home, enjoying a very close relationship ever since with her legal guardian and beloved second mom, "Aunt" Yolanda, as well as her three natural children, who are brother and sisters to Ieshia in every sense; and

WHEREAS, over the years Ieshia has also continued to maintain a close rela-

tionship with her natural family, visiting her mother and now 10 year old younger brother in Baltimore, while staying in close contact with her older brother in Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, schoolwork, as for many of us, does not come very easy to Ieshia, who must consistently work hard in applying herself if she is to succeed, and this pressure, coupled with her blessed, though unusual childhood, have understandably caused her emotional pain at times growing up; and

WHEREAS, Ieshia could have easily succumbed to self-pity, resentment, the temptation to quit, or numerous other nonproductive paths in life, but instead, has shown the inner courage and strength to stay resilient to life's challenges and to consistently make good decisions for herself; and

WHEREAS, for the past three years Ieshia has used her considerable skills in styling and braiding the hair of her family members and friends to earn her own spending money, some of which she has used to send clothes and games to her younger brother; and

WHEREAS, she also pursues her interest in photography working for a local studio, and earned money at a fast food restaurant until Aunt Yolanda stepped in with the sound counsel that "Your business is school; you are a student first, it is your foundation," and required her to quit her job in favor of concentrating on her studies; and

WHEREAS, Ieshia wanted to pursue a career in physical therapy until more recently talking with a professional massage therapist in her church and experiencing the joy of helping her Aunt and other family members relax and get their mind off the stresses of life as she massaged their muscles; and

WHEREAS, the goal of one day operating her own massage therapy business caused Ieshia to stick with a tough Anatomy class her senior year even as others were dropping out of it; and

WHEREAS, her sense of responsibility and maturity has won her the respect and confidence of her church, where she serves as Treasurer for the 70-member youth group, helping plan and spearhead fundraising projects such as car washes and weekly bake sales for funding local and national youth conferences; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cataldo, her Assistant Principal at Tabb High School affirms that "she is a great person, very honest, with a smile on her face all the time," while Ms. Milne, her nominator and English teacher admirably states, "Ieshia is a hardworking, creative, determined student who will succeed;" and

WHEREAS, Ieshia has proven the merit of this accolade by her recent acceptance to Morris College where she plans to major in business administration; and

WHEREAS, Ieshia has distinguished herself as a courageous and strong individual who has determined to embrace life by learning from and valuing the past, treasuring the present, and wisely planning ahead to live the dreams of her bright future;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the York County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2005, that Ieshia Smith be, and she is hereby, congratulated and commended by the York County Board of Supervisors as York County's 2005 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Courage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ieshia be publicly recognized as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Courage, that she be extended the sincere admiration and appreciation of the Board of Supervisors for her inspiration and example to us all, and that the Board's best wishes go with her for a most rewarding and blessed life, and a future filled with continued success.

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A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE ASHLEY
TIGNOR ON HER SELECTION AS THE 2005 YORK COUNTY OUT-
STANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Tignor has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2005 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Community Service; and

WHEREAS, Ashley Tignor has demonstrated a genuine desire and commitment to serve others; and

WHEREAS, Ashley's numerous service-oriented extracurricular activities are noteworthy, and include her current position as Vice-President of the Grafton High School Future Educators of America, through which she assisted teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week, prepared gift bags for the elementary school D.A.R.E. Program, and tutors Special Education students two or three times each week; and

WHEREAS, Ashley has also been a member of Grafton's Art Club, on which she helped design and decorate Grafton's Homecoming last year, assisted with the food drive for the York County Church Women United Emergency Food Closet, and made holiday gifts for residents of a local convalescent home; and

WHEREAS, last year Ashley served as a Life Skills aide one afternoon a week at Grafton Middle School where she tutored students with learning disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Ashley has also helped others outside of school, serving on the 4-H Teen Council for three years, where she was elected Vice-President last year and helped raise money and collected canned foods for the Emergency Food Closet; and

WHEREAS, Ashley has also served the past *four* summers as a volunteer Teen Leader at the County's 4-H Summer Camps for youth aged 9-12, as well as for the 4-H Clover Bud Camps for children ages 5 – 8, and during her sophomore and senior years volunteered as a teen leader with a 4-H Clover Bud group, reading to the boys and girls and helping them with arts and crafts projects during their twice monthly meetings; and

WHEREAS, Ashley also currently serves as President of the Boy Scouts of America coed Venture Crew 595 for 14 to 21 year olds, learning outdoor skills and performing service work such as a cleanup day at Newport News Park and helping with maintenance and repairs at the Bayport Boy Scout Camp in Middlesex County, while at the same time finding the time to serve a volunteer mentorship with the Boy Scouts, volunteering to help plan the programming for Camp Bayport; and

WHEREAS, Ashley also served with distinction last year as a member of the York County Youth Commission, on which she took part in many community service activities including assisting two elderly homeowners in the cleanup of their yards in the aftermath of Hurricane Isabel, participating in Saturday morning adopt-a-highway projects, acting as co-Emcee of a countywide high school talent show, and helping to host an Evening Community Meeting for parents during Youth Week; and

WHEREAS, Ashley has also volunteered her time in passing out flyers to inform citizens of the grass roots effort to start a local Boys and Girls Club in the County; and

WHEREAS, Ashley has also volunteered at Waters Edge Church, where she leads worship for the Children's Church services for elementary aged kids; and

WHEREAS, Ashley's many outlets for community service all stem from her heart for people, as evidenced by her passion in working with and befriending Special Education students at Grafton, where, in addition to her aforementioned tutoring, she also assists special needs students each day in the cafeteria during lunch, and last year escorted a special needs student she was particularly close to as that young lady walked across the stage during graduation to receive her diploma; and

WHEREAS Ms. Barner, her nominator and Art teacher states that, "These children love Ashley as she is their friend...I see nothing but smiles on their faces each day as I pass by their table;" and

WHEREAS, it is exciting, yet not surprising, that Ashley plans to attend Longwood College in the fall to pursue a degree in Special Education;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2005, that Ashley Tignor be, and she is hereby, commended and congratulated for being selected as York County's 2005 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Community Service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ashley be publicly recognized as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Community Service, that she be extended the sincere admiration and appreciation of the Board of Supervisors for her giving spirit and commitment to service, and that the Board's best wishes go with her for a continued meaningful and rewarding life in giving her time and talents to others.

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On motion of _____, which carried ____, the following resolution was adopted:

A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE MICHELLE PRINCIPINO ON HER SELECTION AS THE 2005 YORK COUNTY OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR COMPASSION

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Principino was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2005 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Compassion; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Principino typifies compassion in its truest sense, and is widely known for her sensitivity in relating to the feelings and needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Michelle volunteered one summer at Mary Immaculate Hospital's Radiology Department and with the hospital's gift cart, and currently serves at Riverside Hospital's Mother/Baby unit, assisting the nursing staff in meeting patient needs; and

WHEREAS, Michelle also makes monthly visits with members of her church to the Riverside Convalescent Center, providing prayer and services for those who choose to attend, and has endeared herself to many of the residents who love hearing her sing with her younger sister, and are naturally drawn to her kind and caring nature; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Becouvarakis, Michelle's nominator and English teacher at York High School states that, "while all this volunteering is commendable, the event that sparked the idea to nominate her came when I saw how much she was helping a fellow student. I watched as Michelle graciously and selflessly offered and helped a student who was going through problems, which were affecting her school performance. Michelle, who was not this student's personal friend, offered to bring her up to what the class was doing...actually went over to this student's house and through several weeks helped this student produce a research paper instead of the student becoming frustrated and failing the assignment...Michelle even went as far as leaving work early and staying up late to help the student...So I concluded that if Michelle was willing to go out of her way for a student she barely knew, then she truly was a compassionate person who cared about people and their situations;"

WHEREAS, further testimony of Michelle's gift of compassion is also offered by a longtime family friend, who affirms that "Michelle has a big heart, and has always wanted to help people," and then recounts the time when Michelle, at the age of only four or five, was at a party where candy bags were given to each child until the adults suddenly realized they were one bag short for the last little boy, whereupon Michelle, without any prompting, hesitation, or regret, immediately gave the boy her own bag; and

WHEREAS, Michelle used to regularly visit two of her former neighbors who both lived alone, a man in his 90s and a woman in her 80s, checking on them several times a week, taking out the trash, getting their mail, baking for them, and just spending time visiting and talking with them; and

WHEREAS, Michelle says "you become attached" to the residents at the convalescent center, a sentiment confirmed by one of the adults in her church who organizes the outings and states that Michelle is "very, very friendly" towards the residents, and that "you can tell she really cares for them;" and

WHEREAS, her mother recalls several occasions throughout Michelle's middle and high school years where she has been reduced to tears for others, either over her concern for a conflict between two students that she instinctively tried to mediate and help resolve, or when she notices a student, even someone she does not know, going through tough personal problems or trouble, and then reaches out to help them; and

WHEREAS, her mother attests that Michelle is drawn to those experiencing difficulties, "always seeing the good in them" and reacting "like she feels their pain;" and

WHEREAS, her supervisor at the Riverside Wellness and Fitness Center Nursery where Michelle works weekdays after school with infants and young children affirms that "Michelle is very loving, patient, and creative with the children;" and

WHEREAS, Michelle plans to attend Old Dominion University in the fall where,

not surprisingly, she hopes to pursue a degree in either nursing or social work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2005, that Michelle Principino be, and she is hereby, commended and congratulated for being selected as York County's 2005 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Compassion.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michelle be publicly recognized as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Compassion, that she be extended the sincere admiration and appreciation of the Board of Supervisors as she continues to live a life of exemplary love and concern for others, and that the Board's best wishes go with her as she takes great encouragement in the fact that the world is a better place because she is with us.

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A RESOLUTION TO COMMEND AND CONGRATULATE DAVID HORRES ON HIS SELECTION AS THE 2005 YORK COUNTY OUTSTANDING YOUTH OF THE YEAR FOR OVERALL ACHIEVEMENT

WHEREAS, the York County Youth Commission and the Board of Supervisors established the Outstanding Youth of the Year Awards Program to recognize the accomplishments and achievements of York County's youth; and

WHEREAS, David Horres was nominated and has been chosen by the Selection Committee to receive the 2005 Outstanding Youth of the Year Award for Overall Achievement; and

WHEREAS, David Horres epitomizes excellence and outstanding achievement with his numerous accomplishments and superior performance in a wide variety of endeavors; and

WHEREAS, David's noteworthy *academic* achievements are evidenced by his 4.4 grade-point average in a demanding load of advanced coursework as a senior at Bruton High School, where he has maintained straight A's during all four years, was selected to Boy's State and the Virginia Governor's French Academy last year, was elected into the National Honor Society and Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, received an Advanced Placement Scholar Award from the College Board Advanced Placement Program, and was named Bruton's Outstanding French Student as a freshman, as well as the school's Outstanding Math Student as a junior; and

WHEREAS, David's *school related extracurricular* achievements are demonstrated by his four years on the Varsity Tennis Team, four years on the Varsity Debate Team where this year he led the squad in winning the Bay Rivers District and Region I Championships while personally receiving both District and Regional 1st Place Speaker Awards, participating on Grafton's Varsity Scholastic Bowl teams the past two years and the state-sponsored Battle of the Brains competition this year, playing percussion in the Panther band his freshman and sophomore years, receiving appointment by the Board of Supervisors to the York County Youth Commission during his freshman and junior years, and working on the school's newspaper the past two years; and

WHEREAS, David's *outside extracurricular* achievements are also noteworthy and include his coverage as a *Daily Press* correspondent for the high school sports page, pursuing his interest and considerable talent in music by composing pieces for piano, and helping to organize two student rock groups where he wrote songs, performed as a guitarist, drummer, and vocalist, and performed in an instrumental duet that won the competition for a countywide talent show his sophomore year; and

WHEREAS, David's *leadership* achievements are clearly evident since he has had a key role in virtually everything he has been a part of, including President and Director of Tutoring for the National Honor Society, President of the Math Club, Editor-in-Chief for the school newspaper, Captain for the Varsity Scholastic Bowl and Battle of the Brains teams, Co-Captain of both the Varsity Tennis and Debate teams, and Drum Line Captain in the school's band; and

WHEREAS, David's *service* achievements have been recognized earlier this year by the York County School Division, which named him a recipient of the York County Student Service Award, an honor well deserved by his participation in a number of projects including his volunteer work as a tutor in Math, Science, and French, his service as an SCA Class Representative, his position as the Bruton Auditorium's Sight and Sound Coordinator for which he has served in a number of school and community programs and performances, and his outstanding contributions as a Youth Commissioner where among other projects he helped clean up the Yorktown Waterfront following Hurricane Isabel, participated in several adopt-a-highway projects, and served as Emcee for Bruton's Town Hall Meeting last year that brought students together with members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board; and

WHEREAS, David's noteworthy achievements and successes in life are more than matched by his *character*, which has enabled him to win the DAR's "Good Citizen's Award," and has earned him the respect of his peers and adults alike, leading Ms. Hart, his nominator and English teacher to remark that, while recognizing his outstanding academic record, "I am equally impressed with his exemplary character. David is energetic, conscientious, ethical, compassionate and self-motivated," and his "accomplishments reflect his talent, dedication and sense of community;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the York County Board of Supervisors this ____ day of _____, 2005, that David Horres be, and he is hereby, commended and congratulated for being selected as York County's 2005 Outstanding Youth of the Year for Overall Achievement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David be publicly recognized as a most worthy recipient of the Outstanding Youth Award for Overall Achievement, that he be extended the sincere admiration and appreciation of the Board of Supervisors for his outstanding example and invaluable role model to the youth of our community, and that the Board's best wishes go with him as he continues to use his talents and abilities in service to others.